

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application No. : 09/898,486 Confirmation No. : 8431  
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Examiner :  
  
Docket No. : 3036/50059  
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Improvements in or Relating to Switching Devices

**PETITION UNDER PTO RULE 1.81, REQUESTING i) WITHDRAWAL OF  
THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT, BASED ON FAILURE TO  
RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION, and ii) ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
ACCOMPANYING PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE AND PUBLICATION FEES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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October 28, 2005

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181 and MPEP 711.03(c), Applicants hereby request that the holding of abandonment, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 13, 2005 regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application be withdrawn. In support of this petition, Applicants note the following:

1. Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Abandonment dated October 13, 2005, indicating that the above-identified application has been abandoned due to Applicants' failure timely to pay the issue fee and publication fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance.

2. Applicants' check of PTO records listed in the PAIR system indicates that a Notice of Allowance was mailed May 19, 2005 regarding this application.
3. The May 19, 2005 Notice was not received by Applicants or Applicants' counsel.
4. Applicants have diligently inspected their records for this application, including the file itself, as well as the pertaining docket records, and have confirmed that no such Notice of Allowance is contained or indicated therein.
5. A copy of the docket sheet for this application, which would indicate by an appropriate entry, had such a Notice of Allowance been received, is attached hereto.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment dated October 13, 2005 be withdrawn (MPEP 711.03(c)), and that the accompanying issue fee and publication fee be accepted, so that further processing of this application for issue can go forward promptly.

In response to Item 6 in the Notice of Allowability, which was attached to the Notice of Allowance dated May 19, 2005, Applicants note that the amendment submitted March 1, 2005 included an attached corrected sheet in which appropriate labels were inserted for the theretofore unlabeled boxes

referred to in the Office Action dated December 1, 2004. (A copy of the corrected sheet is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.) Accordingly, it is Applicants' belief that no further amendment to the drawing is required. Nevertheless, if the Examiner believes that further revisions are necessary, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

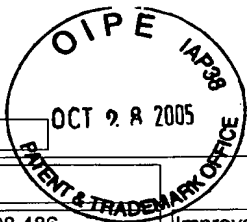
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 3036/50059).

Respectfully submitted,



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## PRIOR APPLICATIONS

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